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Grand Teton National Park News Release

Boating Accident Occurs on the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park

Preliminary Information as of 3:30 p.m. MDT

Grand Teton National Park rangers responded to a serious boating accident involving three fatalities today, June 2, on the Snake River. A Grand Teton Lodge Company scenic float trip raft overturned one-half mile south of the old Bar BC dude ranch, spilling the passengers into the river. Several people were rescued by other scenic raft trip companies and floated to the Moose boat landing where park rangers and emergency medical personnel provided care. An investigation into the accident is underway; a cause has not yet been determined.

The Lodge Company reported the boating accident to Teton Interagency Dispatch at 11:05 a.m. Rangers immediately responded with multiple rescue boats, rescue personnel, ambulances, and an interagency helicopter to airlift emergency medical personnel to the accident scene. Two individuals received CPR and advanced life support care at the accident scene and during transport to the medical center, but could not be revived. A third individual was submerged in a log jam, and was unresponsive when discovered. A full-scale search of the river corridor from the Bar BC area to the Wilson Bridge is currently underway; however, it appears that all boaters have been accounted for.

One individual became stranded on an island in the center of the Snake River, not far from the accident site. A park ranger in a rescue raft was able to reach the individual and assist him into the raft. He was then transported to a location along the riverbank where he could be flown off the river in a helicopter to a waiting ambulance.

Jackson Hole Fire and EMS, and Teton County Search and Rescue volunteers, also assisted in the search and rescue operation.

At the time this news release is being issued, many details are not yet known. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

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